INDIANA
[illegible]30 1953
STATE LIBRARY

FOCUS ON INDIANA LIBRARIES

Published by the Indiana Library Association in the interests of its members and its work

VOLUME VI DECEMBER, 1952 NUMBER 6

Special Meeting Set For Dec. 11th

The I.L.A. and I.L.T.A. Executive Boards have issued a call for a special all-memberships joint business meeting in the Ballroom of the Hotel Antlers, Indianapolis for December 11, 1952 at 10 A.M. This call is in response to proper petitions and is provided for under the I.L.A. constitution. Business of the meeting will be to discuss amendments to the Library Law of 1947 as presented by the 1952 Legislative Committee and a reconsideration of the question as to whether amendments should be presented to the 1953 Legislature for action. Other matters of which state library laws are the primary concern will also be taken up.

Mrs. A. H. Moeller, president of ILTA and Mr. J. H. Moriarty, president of ILA have asked that members of the associations make every effort to attend the meeting, especially those from small libraries; heavy attendance is needed at the session if the meeting is to serve its purpose of obtaining the opinions of members of the two Associations in regard to library legislation.

On October 17th, several members of ILA petitioned the ILA and ILTA boards to call a special business meeting of the two Associations to consider revision of the 1947 Library Law and other legislative matters. The small township libraries feel the 1947 law is causing difficulties for them. School board libraries feel the proposed revisions offered by the legislative Committee at the 1952 conference were unfriendly to them; these proposed revisions were tabled at the conference. The called meeting for Dec. 11th is an attempt to straighten out the confusion surrounding the proposed revisions to the 1947 Library Law.

Tribute to Vincennes Library

The Sun-Commercial of Vincennes ran the following editorial on the Vincennes Library which is reprinted because of its fine emphasis on books:

The Vincennes Public Library is an institution of great cultural value to this community. It was founded many years ago by far sighted citizens who sensed the value of its cultural advantages to the community. The first librarian was Mrs. Mary Wise Scott, who later became the wife of the distinguished counsellor, Judge George Shaw. Mrs. Shaw laid the foundation for a successful library which has prospered through the succeeding years to become one of the fine libraries of the State of Indiana. There is an old saying to the effect that "what's in your head came out of the book" and Vincennes having a library of more than 35,000 volumes is rich in the factors which create learning. There are over 8,000 registered borrowers on the library lists with a circulation of more than 100,000 books annually. The library is a free institution supported by the public school system at a cost of approximately $1.00 per capita or $18,000 per year. A bigger, better and finer library could be created if the annual allotment for library support were substantially increased to an amount comparable to that which is provided by larger cities with greater library facilities and it is to be hoped that within the foreseeable future Vincennes will provide a minimum of $25,000 annually for library maintenance, which will provide a much needed increase in personnel, more books, and a wider circulation, all of which will add materially to the cultural advantages of this fine community.

Vincennes has been fortunate in the selection of its librarians, and today under the guiding hand of Miss Maxine Batman, a newcomer to our city, and her able assistant, Miss Aurie Willoughby, Vincennes can look forward to the development of a bigger, better and finer library for the development of its cultural advantages, because the growth and development of our fair city will be commensurate with the growth of its educational facilities for learning, which is so tritely expressed in the old saying that "what's in your head is what you have read."

Francis Heads South Bend Library

A long range program of library improvement with the rosy picture of a completely new building in the near future faces Roger B. Francis, formerly of New York City, who is head of the South Bend public library system. He succeeds Miss Ethel G. Baker, who retired after more than 40 years' service.

"I want to start working immediately on that long range plan for a better library service for South Bend," Mr. Rogers said. "Most important of all is the city's dire need for a new building. I intend to give South Bend 1952 type library service, but that will be difficult in a 19th century building, which is sadly inadequate for the type of service its staff is trying valiantly to give."

Mr. Francis came to South Bend from New York where, since 1947 he has been serving as executive assistant in the reference department of the New York City Public Library.

ITA Constitution Committee Makes Report

Miss Margaret Pierson reported at the State Conference for the Constitution committee. In attempting to insert certain paragraphs which had been voted upon by past sessions of ILA and in order to prepare for printing an up-to-date constitution of the association a number of discrepancies as to wording and arrangement came to light. These necessitated further study of the constitution as a whole, with the expectation of printing a complete constitution embodying the changes, so that next year's session might vote upon the changes in wording.

This printing of the constitution (which is enclosed in this issue of FOCUS) constitutes the required copy to each member at least two weeks before voting up on it.

Curtis New Librarian At La Porte

George A. Curtis is the new head of the La Porte public and county libraries. The former assistant librarian at the East Chicago Public Library replaces Miss Lucille Simpson who has moved to Great Falls, Mont. to be head librarian.

Mr. Curtis is a graduate of Butler University and took postgraduate work at Butler and Wabash college. He has a bachelor of library science degree from the University of Chicago and a masters' degree from the Library School, University of Chicago. He was chief of the book service at the John Crerar Library in Chicago prior to his East Chicago position.

I 20.5
F652L
v.6, no.6

FOCUS ON INDIANA LIBRARIES

A Publication of the

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Board

JOHN H. MORIARTY, Purdue University Libraries ..... President
HARLEY O. SPENCER, Mishawaka Public Library ..... Vice-President
RUTH M. BURLINGAME, North Side Branch Library, Evansville .... Treasurer
GEORGIA MOORE, Laporte High School ..... Secretary
MARY LOUISE MANN, Technical High School, Indianapolis .. Director-at-Large
MARCELLE K. FOOTE, Connersville Public Library ..... Past President (*ex-officio*)
HAROLD F. BRIGHAM, Director, Indiana State Library ..... (*ex officio*)

Focus Staff

Editor ..... Stillman K. Taylor, Assistant Librarian, Gary Public Library
Advertising Manager .... George A. Curtis, Assistant Librarian, East Chicago Public Library

Volume VI December, 1952 Number 6

It is With Sincere Regret—

The following letter was sent to Miss Marcelle Foote as president of ILA. Due to pressure of events at the Ft. Wayne meeting, Miss Foote was unable to read the letter to the Association. The writer of the letter had requested the letter be read and to comply with his request the letter is being printed in FOCUS so members of ILA and ILTA can get a picture of what sometimes happens to library patrons in Indiana.

—The Editor

Dear Madam:

It is with sincere regret to call your attention to something concerning library affairs. This is what hapened to us. I had a couple of books from the library here in ———, one I renewed for two more weeks, then I returned it like the other to the library. In about two weeks the librarian called my wife, dunned her, slandered, blackmailed her and talked very hateful to her, said, the book was eleven days past due and there was 44c charges on it.

She also asked her "What in the world does he mean, taking them books out keeping them overdue and not returning them back to the library". The book was returned in good shape. Next evening I went down to the library, asked for the book which I had, one of the girls immediately went to the shelf, picked up the book which I returned, and there on the little card was my number. All the receipts I had was in the book.

Now the librarian wants some reference which is right, but the patrons also need some receipt, showing their return of books. I am inclosing a little clipping showing something that could easily be made out for each patron, this is to be held by the patron. It is to be initialed by the librarian who loans out the books and initialed by the librarian who receives it back into the library. I am also going to encourage all schools to instruct their pupils to demand a receipt of some kind like this for all the books returned. This will keep down all such unfriendly feelings and remarks. I thank you.

Yours truly,

Kendallville Library Sponsors Study Group

According to Miss Lucile Williams, librarian of the Kendallville Public Library, 42 men and women have enrolled in the library's "American Heritage Discussion Group." The sessions opened November 1st and will continue through March 25th.

Kendallville is the second city in Indiana to undertake the program, Gary was the first. Kendallville has two groups meeting; basis of the discussions are Commager's "Living Ideas in America" and Johnson's "This American People." Groups meet on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Indianapolis Public Library Adds Bookmobile

According to Miss Marian McFadden, director of the Indianapolis Public Library, a 29-foot bookmobile (the city's first travelling branch library) has been put into service. Built at a cost of $10,144.77 the bookmobile carries about 2,000 books.

The new service will take the place of a number of branch libraries until officials can determine how population is growing and build or rent new permanent branches where they are needed. The bookmobile unit is for adults only since book collections are maintained in public schools for children and experience elsewhere has shown it should be restricted to adults.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

Since the Reorganization in 1925 we have invited librarians to offer suggestions for the betterment of OUR SERVICE

Your response and our desire to give the best always HAS MADE THIS BINDERY A LEADER IN INDIANA During 1951 . . .

WE PLEDGE TO CONTINUE THAT SAME POLICY

CERTIFIED LIBRARY BINDERY Class A Library Binding ALA LBI JOINT COMMITTEE

NATIONAL LIBRARY BINDERY COMPANY OF INDIANA, INC.

546 South Meridian Street **Indianapolis 4, Indiana**

Magic-Mend

"No longer a chore to do book mending—it is a pleasure with Magic-Mend."

Hundreds of librarians report the same success with this new plastic adhesive. It cuts costs—saves time and materials—makes the work surprisingly simple. Excellent for binding periodicals also.

½ Pt.....$1.95
1 Qt..... 5.75

Transportation Charges Paid

SERVICE
QUALITY
NEW IDEAS

GAYLORD BROS., Inc.

Library Supplies

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Modern features - - -

New techniques designed to produce precision bindings with prompt delivery on all orders.

Highest quality materials available to the industry.

Greater employee comfort in the fireproof, air-conditioned bindery, with cold cathode lighting.

Your patronage is sincerely appreciated

THE MODERN BINDING CORPORATION

"Bound to Excel" **Portland, Indiana**

Position Vacancies In Indiana

In listing library vacancies FOCUS is attempting to render primarily a contact service for libraries and librarians. This service is performed in cooperation with the Placement Office of the State Library to which our readers are referred for the larger service which that office gives.

Head Librarian. 1 month vacation. Salary $3,000. Library has 3 full time assistants, 1 part time. Library is open 72 hours a week. Apply, Mrs. F. G. Davidson, President, Board of Trustees, 101 Vernon Court, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mrs. Frazier Heads Brown County Library

Mrs. Edna C. Frazier is the new librarian at the Brown County Public Library. A certified librarian, she has served on the executive board of the ILTA for the last egiht years. She was formerly librarian at the Bluffton, Ind. library.

FOLLETT LIBRARY BOUND CHILDREN'S BOOKS

OUR BOOKS HAVE MET THE TEST!

- Strong bindings; long wearing
- Attractive picture covers
- Excellent story content
- The most complete selection of lower grade children's books ever offered
- Priced right for quantity buying

Bernard Gildnetz, our Indiana representative, will be calling on you soon.

WILCOX & FOLLETT CO.

1255 S. Wabash Avenue Chicago 5, Illinois

Here & There

According to Miss Edith Thompson, Librarian, the Frankfort Public Library has installed a drive-up book return unit. It is expected the Auto Page will eliminate parking difficulties for patrons returning books.

* * * *

The Hammond Public Library has lost three staff members through retirement: Mrs. Ethel Seitz, after thirty years of service as a branch librarian, has retired and will spend her time visiting in Wisconsin and California. —Mrs. Gladys Zype Ratke, another branch librarian of nearly twenty-five years service, has retired, moving with her husband to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. —Mrs. Alma Meyer, for the past twenty-two years Head of the Children's and School Departments, has retired and has moved to California to live.

* * * *

The Evansville Public Library has planned a series of meetings, patterned after the Great Books discussion group for members of the staff. The series will run from September to May. The group will be limited to fifteen persons. Books which the group will discuss are: *The Public Library-The People's University, The Public Library in the US—General Report, An Introduction to Library Science, The Role of the Library in Adult Education, The Library in the Community, Public Administration and the Library* and *The American Public Library and the Diffusion of Knowledge.*

* * * *

According to Lucile Williams, Librarian of the Kendallville Public Library, Mr. H. M. Dixon, member of the library board for thirty years has retired.

The library has a new service for shut-ins begun last winter. Those unable to come to the library may request books be delivered to their homes. The library con-

(*Continued on P. 4*)

LaGrange Library Gets Bookmobile

The LaGrange County Library has a new bookmobile, according to Miss Kathryn Smith, librarian, for library service throughout LaGrange County. Regular trips will be made to schools and towns.

The large panel truck includes a miniature lending library and a built-in desk. The sides and back of the interior are lined with shelves. The unit has its own heating and lighting system; driver's seat and the seat next to it are on swivels so they may be turned around, the driver's seat then being used as the desk chair. On a Dodge chasis, the bookmobile holds about 1,600 books besides a collection of magazines.

THE HECKMAN BINDERY

North Manchester, Indiana

THE DISTINCTION OF A GOOD REPUTATION

is founded on

QUALITY

Certified by ALA and LBI

SERVICE

4 week pick up and delivery

EXPERIENCE

Indiana's leading Bindery for 21 years

CERTIFIED LIBRARY BINDERY Class A Library Binding ALA LBI JOINT COMMITTEE

"BOUND TO PLEASE"

HERE & THERE

(*Continued from P. 3*)

tacts the Girl Scouts, who deliver and collect the books.

* * * *

Lucille Simpson, Librarian, La Porte Public Library, has resigned her position to become head librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, Montana.

* * * *

According to Bettie Scherzinger the Recruitment Committee has planned some interesting experiments. Inez Paul is planning a library day in South Bend where students interested in library work will be invited to the library for a special program. The program will include speakers from various types of libraries and displays on library work. Plans call for county wide participation of teachers and librarians. Publicity will include latest news articles and personal invitations to all schools and libraries in the area. LaPorte County has similar ideas for a program to be held in LaPorte.

* * * *

The Archives Building & Central Repository Building, Joint Committee has made extensive study of the state wide library problem of housing little used material through a Central Library Repository, and will soon have recommendations to make to the boards of ILA-ILTA.

* * * *

Rev. Clarence J. Schuerman, librarian at St. Joseph's college, Rensselaer has left Indiana to become Assistant Pastor in a church in Ottawa, Ohio.

The library at St. Joseph's College, which now totals 51,870 volumes was organized by Father Schuerman some ten years ago. Father Schuerman has been active in ILA for many years and will be missed by his many friends in the state.

GRACE BEECHER RESIGNS FROM STATE LIBRARY POSITION

Grace Beecher, for two years with the Extension Division of the State Library, has resigned to become assistant reference librarian in the Lima Public Library, Ohio.

"In the past two years that Grace has spent time out in the state, she earned the affection and respect of librarians and board members everywhere she worked. We knew it would be like that and we know many will join us in wishing her a happy and successful career in Lima," said Miss Carter.

"PARAGON BINDINGS" fill your **complete** needs. Every cent of your library dollar is used and when it is spent for these bindings, at the lowest prices in the field, you have the best buy on the market.

DON R. PHILLIPS

P.O. Box 57

VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

LIBRARY BOOK BINDERS

VALTERS & SONS

3827 - 29 Ravenswood Ave.

CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS

Book Binders For Five Generations

Serving Libraries in the Middle West For Forty Years

Mend Torn Pages Without Using Paste. Use Permafilm. Send for Sample.

Compton's

Pictured Encyclopedia

★

Your Indiana School and Library Representative

is

MRS. BESS VANDIVIER

Box 36

Franklin, Indiana

Library Bureau can help you cut costs—in many ways

Most libraries come to Library Bureau first when they need the finest in technical library equipment. But did you know that Library Bureau, as one part of Remington Rand Inc., can supply you with information covering the broad range of business equipment that is streamlining operations and cutting costs each day in industry and business throughout the world? There is room here to list only a few of these items—so use the handy coupon below for free descriptive literature. And ask your Remington Rand Library Specialist about the many ways in which we can help you save needed library dollars.

"Take a Letter." You can cut typing costs and increase typing output anywhere from 10 to 50% with the new Remington Electri-conomy Typewriter . . . the typewriter that turns out superb, distinctive letters, and clear, legible multiple copies of reports with less effort. **Ask for Booklet RE8499.**

"Photocharger at the Brooklyn Public Library." This modern method of charging books saves time by (1) immediate return of books to the shelves (no need for 'slipping') and (2) simplified procedure in preparing overdue notices. **Folder S1835.** Ask also for information on Kard-a-Film, for a 60 to 1 saving in space needed for correspondence. **Folder F299.**

"New Remington Rand Transcopy." With this new copying device, anyone on your staff can make finished, photo-exact, positive copies of pages in a pamphlet or an article *in less than a minute.* No special installation required—Transcopy plugs into any standard electrical outlet. **Ask for Booklet P334.**

"The Remington Rand Electric Adding Machine." For all your figuring work, this Electric Adding Machine gives you maximum speed and accuracy. Completely electrified feature keys and simplified 10-key keyboard assure lightning-fast addition, listing, subtraction, and multiplication. **Ask for Booklet AD567.**

Remington Rand

1535 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis 2, Ind.

I would like to have the booklets checked.

RE8499 S1835 F299 P334 AD567

Name_____

Library_____

Address_____

City_____ Zone____ State_____